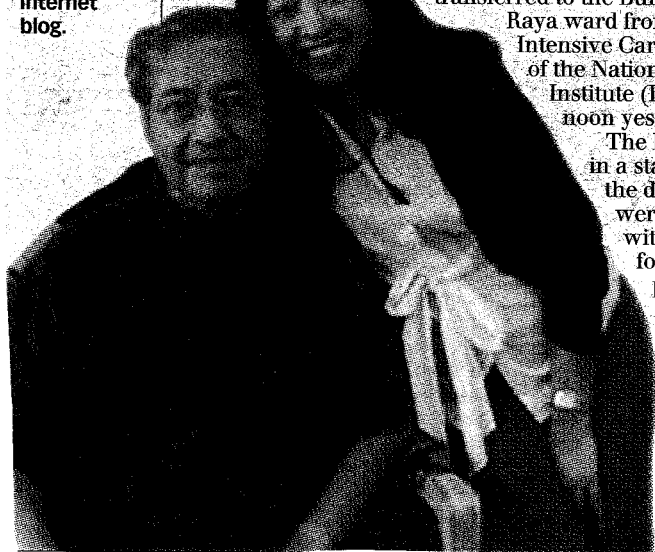


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Mahathir and Marina at IJN yesterday. Photograph released by Marina's internet blog.



Deputy minister

## Mahathir out of ICU

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was transferred to the Bunga Raya ward from the Intensive Care Unit of the National Heart Institute (IJN) at noon yesterday. The IJN said in a statement the doctors were happy with the former prime

minister's progress and would continue with post-surgery rehabilitation including chest and muscle strengthening exercises.

"Mahathir has also been able to walk unaided since yesterday (Sunday)," said the IJN.

Mahathir, 81, underwent a wound debridement surgery at the IJN on Sept 22 which was carried out by the same team of consultant surgeons who performed a second coronary bypass on him on Sept 4.

Despite being transferred to the normal ward, the IJN is still limiting visitations to immediate family members only in order to give Mahathir adequate rest in between physiotherapy sessions.

His son, Datuk Mokhzani, told reporters at the IJN that Mahathir was getting better and

"improving a lot", he said.

Mahathir's daughter, Datin Paduka Marina, in her blog said her father had spaghetti marinara, salad, fruit and pudding for lunch after being transferred to the normal ward.

She said his moving up to the Bunga Raya ward was good enough for the family and Marina yesterday also posted some photos of her father on her blog, [www.rantingsbymm.blogspot.com](http://www.rantingsbymm.blogspot.com).

Marina said her mother, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, visited the mechanical heart girl, Tee Hui Yi yesterday morning.

"She's (Tee) awake, looking good and even holding two thumbs up in triumph. Her parents are by her side and beside themselves with joy," Marina blogged. - Bernama